

REMARKS

I. Office Action Summary

In the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, claims 1-5, 7-11, 16-19, 21, 29-36, 38-39, 44-47, 49 and 57-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chow et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,556,423; hereinafter "Chow"). Claim 39 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 25-28 and 53-56 were objected to, presumably as being allowable but dependent upon rejected base claims. Additionally, an objection to the specification was made. Applicants traverse and respectfully request reconsideration.

II. Withdrawn Claims

Applicants acknowledge withdrawal of claims 6, 12-15, 20, 22-24, 37, 40-43, 48, 50-52 and 62-77 as being drawn to non-elected species. Applicants have canceled these claims and reserve the right to refile these claims in a divisional application. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge Examiner's recognition of claims 1 and 30 as being generic claims.

III. Objections to claims 25-28 and 53-56

In the Office Action Summary, claims 25-28 and 53-56 were indicated as being objected to. However, the Detailed Action did not include an explanation precisely why claims 25-28 and 53-56 were objected to. Consequently, Applicants have presumed that claims 25-28 and 53-56 have been objected to as being allowable but dependent upon rejected base claims (claims 1 and 30). For this reason, claims 25 and 53 have been amended above to include the limitations found in the base claims and any intervening claims, and Applicants respectfully submit that claims 25 and 53 (and their respective dependents, claims 26-28 and 54-56) are now in suitable condition for allowance.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), Chow

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 16-19, 21, 29-36, 38-39, 44-47, 49 and 57-61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chow. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, but have cancelled these claims to expedite allowance of the remaining claims. Applicants reserve the right to refile the cancelled claims in a continuation.

V. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 39 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. However, as noted above, this claim has now been canceled, render the rejection moot.

VI. Objection to the Specification

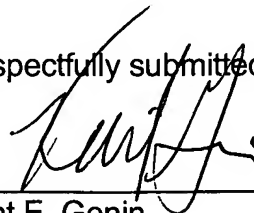
The specification stands objected to, specifically because the specification as originally filed includes a "References" section. However, the "References" portion of the specification has been deleted by amendment above. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the specification is now in suitable condition to support allowance.

VII. Conclusion

If Applicants may assist in expediting examination of the instant application in any way, Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

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